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Istook Visits Pentagon, Thanks Rescue Workers

Washington, DC – Congressman Ernest Istook on Wednesday evening was in the first group of Congressmen to visit the Pentagon site, where he was briefed by FBI investigators and thanked many of the multitude of first-responder rescue workers. Among them (pictured) was the search and rescue team from the Virginia Beach, Virginia, Fire Department, which had also responded to the Murrah bombing in Oklahoma City. Istook re-conveyed the special gratitude of Oklahomans, and the workers consistently praised the terrific support they had felt from Oklahomans.

Istook said they and other rescue workers and military personnel repeatedly vowed that the attack would be avenged by America, doing so with firm hope and clear confidence. Istook said the visit brought tears to his eyes, and many reminders of the Murrah bombing and its aftermath. He said that despite the grimness of the occasion, he was gratified by the firm and untiring resolve that was evident in the spirit and devotion of the workers, and he told them he shared their conviction that the terrorist attacks would not go unpunished. Everyone involved, he said, understood that the response might take significant time but was willing to pursue it doggedly until all terrorists were brought to justice--including military action.







